

HOLYHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020 6.00 p.m.

Councillors present:- Alan Williams (Mayor), Jennifer Saboor, Keith Thomas Keith Roberts, Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE, Mrs Ailia Lewis MBE, Ken Tatlock, Richard Parry, Mrs Beryl Warner BEM and Glyn Haynes

**In attendance: Robert Henderson (Town Clerk/Financial Officer)
Richard W Jones Deputy Town Clerk
Debbie Parry Community Services Manager
Mrs P R Scott (Clerk/Typist)
Eira Fon Parry Translator**

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting and everybody in the Council Chamber stood in silence as a mark of respect following the passing of Victoria Kennedy, Cllr Mrs Ann Kennedy's daughter. The Town Clerk read out an Email from Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy which he had received during the afternoon of the 3rd February in which she thanked her fellow Councillors for their kind messages of sympathy and the Councillors were informed of the time and date of the funeral.

1. To ask the question – "Is any member of the public or any member making a recording of this meeting? No – one was recording the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Ann Kennedy, Raymond Jones, W J Chorlton, Vaughan Williams, Hywel Williams and Adrienne Edwards
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY ANY COUNCILLOR OR OFFICER:**
Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE in any Planning applications as he is a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee. (item 13 of the Agenda). He did not leave the Council Chamber.
Also, Councillor Glyn Haynes in item 13 (Planning application) as he is also a member of the Anglesey County Council Planning Committee. He did not leave the Council Chamber.

4. **Mayor's announcements:**

Councillor Alan Williams stated that he had been very busy as Mayor following the Christmas period and had attended various appointments, as well as a visit to Greystones in Eire and had met with very interesting people.

5. **To welcome officers from the Anglesey County Council to the meeting:**

Alun Owen, AONB officer and William Stockwell attended the meeting and explained their proposals in relation to the installation of water dispensers in various locations which would be close to a mains water supply. The water would be still water, not sparkling and would originate from Llyn Alaw. Anglesey had been given the status of an Area of Natural Beauty since 1966 and also to other parts of Wales, such as the Snowdonia National Park, the Brecon Beacons and Pembrokeshire had all been given the same status. The purpose of installing these water dispensers was to encourage persons to re-fill their bottles and this would, hopefully, prevent littering of coastal paths, aid health and well-being and be cost effective. The water would be free. Grant funding had been obtained from the Welsh Government and it was proposed to install one unit at the Breakwater Country Park in the first instance.

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Various types of dispensers were shown to the members of the Council. The Anglesey County Council would install the dispensers and asked if the Town Council would be willing to maintain the equipment after installation, for a small cost. The Town Clerk stated that he would contact the officers regarding this in the future. Councillors stated that it was a good idea and suggested other locations, such as the Newry Beach and Trearddur Bay. Alun Owen stated that it was intended for them to hold other presentations to other Community Councils across the island.

Both officers were thanked for attending the meeting and left the Council Chamber at 6.25p.m.

6. Draft ESTIMATES for 2020/2021: and Report:

Councillor Jennifer Saboor introduced this Agenda item, which was elaborated upon by the Deputy Town Clerk.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that as this was a standstill budget that it should be approved and that the total Precept budget for 2020/2021, including the Holyhead Joint Burial C9ommittee be £509,891 which is equal to £2.47 per week for a "Band D" property £128.13 per year compared to £2.52 per week for the last financial year – a reduction of 1.6%.

Minute no. 5541/2020

7. To appoint an Internal Auditor for the year 2019/2020:

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that Anglesey County Council officers were not able to undertake this Internal Audit, due to staffing constraints. However, it had been recommended by the Anglesey County Council's Internal Audit Dept that Mr Alun Foulkes would be a suitable person to carry out this role. Mr Foulkes was subsequently contacted and he stated that he was willing to undertake this Audit on behalf of the Holyhead Town Council.

Minute no. 5542/2020

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE did not take part in the vote on this item.

8. To receive the Minutes (as a true record) of the Council meeting held on Monday 2 December 2019:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to receive the Minutes as a true record.

Minute no. 5543/2020

9. To approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020:

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to approve the Minutes.

Minute no. 5544/2020

The name of the translator had been omitted from the Minutes but she had been in attendance at the meeting.

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10. To receive a Report re: the "Laser Quasar" equipment:

Councillor Jennifer Saboor, in the absence of Councillor Hywel Williams, stated that a recommendation had been made at the Finance & Property Sub-Committee meeting held on the 20 January 2020 for this equipment to be sold as seen.

It was resolved, proposed and seconded that this course of action would now be followed and the Town Clerk would arrange to advertise this equipment.

Minute no. 5545/2020

11. To receive a Report from the Community Services Manager:

Ms Parry stated that the Playcentre had, once again, received a 5 star rating for hygiene and services offered. Bookings for parties was high and the Christmas period in the Empire complex was very busy, especially Santa's grotto. The Christmas film at the Empire was also well attended by a total of 14 schools.

The Event at the Town Park on Saturday 30 November 2019 had been well attended and it was proposed to hold another event in the Town Park during the Easter break. A grant had been obtained in regards to the Tennis Club at the Town Park – this would be used to provide coaching in the future. The reduction of staff hours at the Town Park during the Winter period had proved cost effective as it was very quiet, due mainly to inclement weather.

There had been some problems with the Cinema projector, but these had now been resolved. Interest had been shown regarding Park running and this could be looked at in further detail in the future.

Councillor Richard Parry advised Ms Parry to consult the Town Clerk and the Deputy Clerk regarding how the budget could be spent on other projects at the Park in the future. Ms Parry was thanked for her verbal Report.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Letter dated 21 January 2020 from Siwan Jones, Legal Assistant, Anglesey County Council : Temporary Prohibition of through traffic (Road off Cambria Street Holyhead to Queens Park Holyhead Order 2020) : (Order to come into effect as from the 10 February 2020

It was resolved, proposed and seconded to note the information contained in the letter and Traffic Order.

Minute no. 5546/2020

13. PLANNING APPLICATION:

Planning portal reference: FPL/2019/308 : Full application for the erection of a toilet block at Plas Road allotments Holyhead

After a discussion had taken place and a question from Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE that Councillors were unaware of this planning application being submitted, *it was resolved,* proposed and seconded to discuss this Planning application at a future meeting of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee when they next meet. It was proposed that this existing Planning application would now be withdrawn.

14. Health & Safety Report: There was nothing to report.

The meeting concluded at 18.56 hours.